

ASIA'S MEGASHIPS IN AUSTRALIA, A FIRST FOR STAR CRUISES.

Billed as the SuperStars of Asia, SuperStar Leo and SuperStar Virgo arrived in Cairns and Fremantle, Australia on 24 April 2003 respectively to begin cruises along the eastern, southern and western seaboard of Australia. Both ships were well received and created a record as the largest and amongst the most luxurious ships to have ever sailed into major ports in

Australia. SuperStar Leo in particular created history when she became the largest cruise ship to have ever entered the Sydney Harbour then. The 76,800-grt megaship passed under the Sydney Harbour Bridge as she made her way into the pier against the spectacular skyline of Sydney with the Harbour Bridge in the background.

SuperStar Leo berthed at Circular Quay, Sydney



SuperStar Leo berthed at the Overseas Passenger Terminal, Circular Quay, Sydney



SuperStar Virgo berthed at the Station Pier, Melbourne, Australia in April 2003



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1. The Malaysian Minister of Transport Dato Chan Kong Choy receiving a souvenir from SuperStar Virgo's Captain Toivo Norell in Port Klang, Malaysia after her return from Australia.
2. A special welcome to Singapore for passengers on SuperStar Virgo's homecoming to the island republic from Australia by Singapore Tourism Board's Mr. Lim Neo Chian.



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- 3. *Colourful welcome ceremony at Phuket's port to mark SuperStar Virgo's return to Thailand.*
- 4. *Garland welcome for disembarking passengers upon SuperStar Leo's return to Hong Kong.*
- 5. *Asia's first megaship SuperStar Leo returns to Hong Kong after a successful three-month stint in Australia.*



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- 6. *Lively lion dance welcome for SuperStar Gemini in Shanghai, China.*
- 7. *Star Cruises management and Shanghai authorities pose for a photograph onboard SuperStar Leo during the Star Cruises Night on 5-6 October 2003.*



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8. *The Star Cruises booth at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace "LIMA" exhibition 2003.*
9. *Former Malaysian Prime Minister, Tun Dr. Mahathir pays a visit to the Star Cruises booth at the Maritime exhibition centre during LIMA 2003.*
10. *Disembarking passengers being garlanded by the Chief Minister, Tan Sri Dr. Koh Tsu Koon during SuperStar Virgo's maiden call to Penang.*



11. *Captain Hakan Svedung of SuperStar Virgo presents a framed picture of the ship to Mr. U Pe Than, Deputy Minister of Transport, Myanmar in conjunction with the maiden call of SuperStar Virgo to Yangon on 14 October 2003.*

12. *Captain of SuperStar Aries receives the Ship Security Certificate from Mr. Tanubrata of Det Norske Veritas. SuperStar Aries became the first cruise ship in the world to obtain this certification under the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code or ISPS in October 2003.*

